

HORRORS OF THE HEAT

TERRIBLE EFFECTS IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

PEOPLE DRIVEN TO SUICIDE.

Many Fatalities and More Prostrations, a Large Proportion of Which Will Probably Prove Fatal—A Cooling Storm.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Of all the hot days that have made life a burden since the warm weather of 1897 began, this was the worst. There were more deaths of human beings and of animals, and the number of prostrations was greater than upon any other day of the long, hot spell that has hung over Chicago. Sixteen people are dead from the heat, two are insane, and out of a large number of prostrations, ten cases are critical. The dead are:

CHARLES BENSON, committed suicide while insane, by reason of the extreme heat.

JOHN EATON, shot himself while suffering from the heat.

Father OTTO GROENEBAUM, priest of St. Nicholas church, in Evanston; died of heart-disease, aggravated by the heat.

HENRY HAZEMANN, found dead, hanging near Park Ridge, driven to the death by the heat.

DORA JOHNSTON, FREDERICK KAIZER, THOMAS LYNCH, and ANNE O'DONNELL—committed suicide by taking carbolic acid; driven to the act by the heat.

RACHEL HISTON.

FRED SCHLOMANN; died at the county hospital from heat prostration; stricken last Saturday.

JACOB STAUB.

WILLIAM SCHENBERGER.

Rev. Father AUGUST TOLTON, priest in charge of St. Monica's College, Roman Catholic church.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN, found in Washington Park.

AUGUST VANDERLIEVE; hanged himself while insane from the heat.

IN THE BRIDGEMAN.

Out in the Bridgeman, where seven prisoners went insane yesterday because of the heat, others suffered the same fate to-day. Three men, either strong in the belief that a life of rectitude insured eternal abode in some place less hot than this, or determined to be packed in ice at any cost, took their lives.

The heat was a sizzling horror; there was comfort to be found nowhere. Last night was the hottest night Chicago had ever known. The mercury was 87 last night, and although near the lake it sank to 82 at 6 A. M., the decrease in temperature was more than offset by an increase in the humidity, which through the night and day made the discomfort far greater than is implied by the record of the thermometer. By 7 A. M. the mercury in the weather office had climbed to 87, and there was a steady, overpowering bull movement until 3 P. M., when 90 was reached. This was up in the auditorium tower, where the wind had a chance at the thermometer. On the streets, where the heat radiated from baking pavements and sun-soaked brick walls, it was 5 to 8 degrees higher than in the tower, and no breeze was to be had.

The day was especially severe on horses, over 100 dying in the streets.

Sixteen hundred men and boys were temporarily thrown out of employment in Pullman to-day. Owing to the intense heat, the managers found it necessary to close the works at noon and send the workmen home. The shops will remain closed to-morrow if the hot weather continues, and until the temperature decreases a little.

The temperature took a quick decline in Illinois and Iowa this evening. At Decatur, Ill., the mercury, which had reached 100 during the day, fell 18 degrees in two hours. One death and a dozen prostrations were recorded. At Bloomington, Ill., the mercury reached 100. Three deaths and a number of prostrations occurred.

A COOLING STORM.

A thunder-storm this evening caused a drop of 20 degrees. Rain fell over the entire country in torrents. In Iowa a downpour of rain cooled things considerably. One person was killed by lightning.

At Burlington the mercury reached 102. One death and a dozen prostrations occurred.

At Keokuk there were one death and several prostrations. The thermometer registered 95.

MANY DEATHS IN WISCONSIN.

WILWAUKEE, Wis., July 9.—The heat, added by the high humidity, caused many deaths in Wisconsin to-day. In this city there were nine prostrations and one death; that of Hugo Knell, of Berlin.

At Appleton, the thermometer marked 100 degrees, and three deaths and several prostrations resulted.

At Racine there were one death and sixteen prostrations; at Oshkosh, one death and three prostrations; at Madison, one death and two prostrations.

SIX DEATHS IN CINCINNATI.

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Thirty prostrations were reported, with the usual quota of serious cases.

The minimum heat by trustworthy street-thermometers to-day was 96 at 4 P. M. It was 81 at 7 o'clock this morning, and it is 85 at 11 o'clock to-night. The number of deaths in the last seven days is sixty.

SEVEN DEATHS IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 9.—Seven people died from the heat in St. Louis to-day. Two people, one of them a New Orleans negro, have been driven insane, and six others who have been struck, will probably die before morning. There have been numerous prostrations in St. Louis.

At Smith, Brooklyn's catcher, and Ed. Gately, first-baseman on the St. Louis team, were prostrated during the baseball game this afternoon. Smith is unconscious, and his condition appears to be serious. Two deaths and seven prostrations occurred in East St. Louis.

HEAT WAVE BREAKING UP.

Relief Coming This Way from the Northwest.

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Telegrams and letters of an encouraging nature from the different pits in this district are pouring into the mine's office. One of these, written by a miner on the Wheeling Division of the Baltimore and Ohio road, complains that the operators are taking unfair means to whip the men. The writer alleges that they are influencing the boarding-house keepers to issue attachments against the single men for the small amounts they owe, and are also threatening the men having families with landlord's warrants and ejectment, if they don't return to work.

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